Information inrespect of Hotel Corporation of India is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

Number of Appointments/Recruitment made during the year 1982 and 1983.

Class of Posts	Total No. of Persons Appointed	No. of SC Candidates appointed	% of SC	Total No of ST Candidates appointed	% of S.T.
	1982				
GROUP 'C' (Class III) . . .	650	95	14·61	15	2·30
GROUP 'D' (Class IV) . . .	536	163	30·41	26	4·85
GROUP 'D' (Class IV) (SAFAIWALA) . . .	123	78	63·41	4	3·25
TOTAL :	1309	336	25·66	45	3 43
	1983				
GROUP 'C' (Class III) . . .	281	51	18·14	8	2·84%
GROUP 'D' (Class IV) . . .	295	90	30·50	11	3 72%
GROUP 'D' (Class IV) (SAFAIWALA) . . .	30	14	46 66	1	3 2 %
TOTAL :	606	155	25·57	20	3 30%

Officers on deputation with I.T.D.C.

232. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many officers from other departments are on deputation with the India Tourism and Development Corporation since 1st April, 1983 till date; and

(b) what is the financial burden to the Corporation on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) Since 1.4.1983 till date, 23 officers have been taken on deputation by the ITDC to discharge functions in the engineering, vigilance, security/statistical disciplines. The financial burden to the Corporation on this account is insignificant, since the terms of deputaton are governed by general orders issued by Government in this regard from time to time.

Meeting of the Indo-Nepal Inter Governmental Committee on Trade, etc.

233. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the seventh meeting of the Indo-Nepal inter-Governmental Committee on Trade, transit and unauthorised trade was held in the 1st week of June, 1984;

(b) if so, what decision were taken there at to promote mutual trade; and

(c) what decisions were taken to effectively prevent illegal trad, across the borders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A Statement is attached.

Statement

(I) The following decisions were taken to promote mutual trade between India and Nepal:

(1) The procedure for the supply of quota of essential commodities to Nepal has been simplified.

(2) It has been agreed, in principle, to levy the same rate of countervailing excise duty for specific industrial manufactures of Nepal as applicable to units in India.

(3) Government of India has allowed entry of nine new Nepalese manufactured products eligible for preferential entry into India bringing the total of this category to 47. Out of these 47 products, 19 products are exempted from proforma procedures.

(4) It has been decided to undertake shortly a Joint Study of the possibilities of encouraging the growth of production capacities in Nepal, including joint ventures and harness them to its developmental and export efforts.

(II) The following decisions were taken to effectively prevent illegal trade across the borders:

(1) Further strengthening of close cooperation at different levels, with a view to having regular review of the trends in unauthorised trade.

(2) Strengthening of vigilance on both sides of the border, so as to monitor and check unauthorised trade, including trafficking in narcotic drug.

(3) More meaningful and regular exchange of information regarding unauthorised trade on items considered sensitive by other side, which require to be re-defined.

(4) Exchange of information in respect of activities of smugglers engaged in unauthorised trade.

International Tea promotion Association

234. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been considering withdrawing from the International Tea Promotion Association; and

(b) if so, under what circumstances such a step has been contemplated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b) India has decided to withdraw from the International Tea Promotion Association, mainly for the reasons that very slow progress made by the Association in accomplishing the promotional work; also with the withdrawal of Sri Lanka and in the absence of People's Republic of China and Argentina, the main tea producing countries the Association has ceased to be a representative organisation of the tea producing nations.

Investment by non-resident Indians

235. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total investment so far made by the non-resident Indians during each of the last three years;